

BONHOMME PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
14820 Conway Rd., Chesterfield, MO  
Stated Meeting of the Session  
May 17, 2016

Moderator: Tom Pfizenmaier  
Clerk of Session: Bob Buchanan

Place: Board Room  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Ruling Elders Present: Randy Baker, Mary Bruning, Bob Buchanan, John Hall, Jim Henry  
Helen Hume, Jim Kilby, Scott Martin, Dave Peevers, and Carl Walter

Ruling Elders Not Present: Steve Ecker, Scott Glover,

Teaching Elders Present: Rev Tom Pfizenmaier, Rev. Don Everts, Rev. Tom Hobson

Staff Present: Chris Macky, AmyRuth Bartlett, John Green

Visitors: Incoming Elders: Lisa Hartshorn, Cris Heffernan, Brandon Mann, Mary Morgan.  
Other visitors: Earl Kidd and Fred Brietenwischer.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was declared. The moderator led with a prayer and a devotional based on Deuteronomy 31.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES:

A. Facility update. John Green reported on the need for repairs to the stained glass windows throughout the church. The cost to repair all the windows will be in the range of \$90,000. He recommended we do a phased program and repair the windows in the worst shape immediately. Accordingly Jim Kilby moved that:

Session authorize Buildings and Grounds to spend \$20,000 to hire a contractor to fix those windows most in need of repair.

Dave Peevers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Parks Rec Complex update: Jim Kilby updated Session on the status of said project including that we now have firm cost numbers from outside contractors. Jim moved and Randy Baker seconded a motion that:

Session approve an additional \$50,000 for the Park Rec Complex project, bringing the total Phase 1 to \$560,000, and approval to proceed with the work.

After a lengthy discussion regarding allocation of funds within the Holley Fund and the impact of the Park Rec Complex thereon, the motion passed unanimously.

C. Presbytery meeting update: Bob Buchanan briefed Session on a few key items from the May 12th Presbytery meeting, including:

1. The next Presbytery of the West meeting will be at First and Calvary in Springfield, MO on August 26 and 27.
2. At the March 31st Council meeting it was tentatively decided to split the Presbytery of the West, probably in January 2017. We will be in the Presbytery of the Mid West under the leadership of Moderator Rev. Christopher Ham, Executive Pastor of First and Calvary.
3. The attendees were reminded that participating in the Ministry Affinity Groups (for Session members) and Covenants of Accountability.

4. We need to be in prayer for the ECO churches that are struggling financially. Joining ECO does not assure churches will not have to continue to be diligent and deal with hard times.
5. It was noted that at a PCUSA church in Grand Junction Colorado a young man was approved for ordination into ECO as a Minister Out of Bounds. The church and their PCUSA presbytery supported his ordination.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 19th Stated Session was approved with correction by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Dave Peevers moved and Carl Walter seconded that the following name be removed from the church rolls and a certificate of transfer be issued:

Name	Status	Member #	Transfer to:
Kirsten Erickson	Inactive	8282	Gardens Presbyterian Church, West Palm Beach, FL

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Dave Peevers moved and Jim Henry seconded and that the following name be deleted from the rolls of the church due to death:

Name	Status	Member #	Date of Death
Bill Franklin	Active	3736	5/13/2016

The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSION and COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. WORSHIP

1. The following Worship report was approved on motion by Scott Martin, seconded by John Hall:

Communion was served to 302 people between April 19, 2016 and May 17, 2016 at scheduled Traditional Services and to 319 people at Scheduled Contemporary Services during the same period. Communion was served to nine shut-ins and nine of their companions during the period.

2. The following Baptisms were approved for registration on a motion by Randy Baker and a second by Jim Henry:

Name:	Date of Baptism:
Jack Noah Baker	May 8, 2016
Audrey Reece Drinen	May 8, 2016
Charlotte Adele Lindsey	May 8, 2016
Jack Tierney Reuter	May 8, 2016
Kristin Carrol Drinen	May 8, 2016
Shelby Noel Kern	May 8, 2016

B. FINANCE

Randy Baker presented the March financial report and summarized it saying that expenses for March were elevated by: the timing of insurance payments and acceleration of some maintenance in preparation for the *Taste of Bonhomme* celebration. The finance summary for March is attached.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES:

John Hall reported that: the Assistant Youth Director is now onboard; and we have hired an intern Parish Nurse while we review the nature of the nurse position.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Don Everts outlined his plans for the June 5th Congregational meeting which included possible formation of a Transition Team to guide the church in defining our 2020 objectives and replacing Tom Pfizenmaier.

Dave Peevers moved, and Mary Bruning seconded a motion:

Session form a “Transition Team” to facilitate work with the consultant, study literature on pastoral successions, provide recommendations to session on next steps throughout the transition, and provide a communication point for Covenant Partners. The Team will be made up of leaders who, together, are representative of the makeup of the congregation.

After considerable discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

B. Dave Peevers moved and Scott Martin seconded a motion:

Session approve the revised 5 year allocation plan for the Bicentennial fund as recommend by Budget and Finance with instructions to report original allocation goals in the future.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned, on motion, at 9:20 p.m. and was closed with prayer, peace and harmony prevailing.

Approved by Session: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Buchanan, Clerk of Session